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...CONTINUING SEVERE WEATHER AWARENESS WEEK IN TEXAS...

SEVERE WEATHER SAFETY FOR YOUR HOME OR BUSINESS

HAZARDOUS WEATHER IS NO STRANGER TO TEXAS. ARE YOU READY FOR THE THREATS THAT THE STORM SEASON HAS IN STORE? FOLLOW THESE SIX STEPS TO ENSURE THAT YOUR HOME...YOUR BUSINESS...AND YOUR FAMILY ARE PREPARED.

1...DEVELOP YOUR WEATHER PLAN NOW. DESIGNATE SHELTER AREAS IN YOUR HOME OR OFFICE NOW. IF NO UNDERGROUND SHELTER IS AVAILABLE...INTERIOR ROOMS AND INTERIOR HALLWAYS OFFER THE BEST PROTECTION FROM STORMS.

2...PRACTICE YOUR PLAN REGULARLY. ENSURE THAT YOUR PLAN GETS YOUR FAMILY OR COWORKERS TO THE SHELTER AREAS QUICKLY AND EFFICIENTLY. USE THE DRILLS TO IDENTIFY AND CORRECT ANY FLAWS IN YOUR PLAN BEFORE THE STORMS STRIKE.

3...HAVE RELIABLE MEANS OF RECEIVING WEATHER INFORMATION. USE WEATHER RADIO...COMMERCIAL RADIO AND TELEVISION...LOCAL WARNING SYSTEMS...AND THE INTERNET TO RECEIVE WEATHER INFORMATION. HAVE AS MANY OF THESE METHODS AVAILABLE AS POSSIBLE. AT LEAST ONE METHOD SHOULD HAVE A BATTERY BACKUP IN CASE POWER IS LOST.

4...HAVE RELIABLE MEANS OF RELAYING INFORMATION WITHIN YOUR OFFICE OR HOME. INTERCOMS...WALKIE TALKIES...AND BULLHORNS MAY BE USED TO ACTIVATE YOUR WEATHER PLAN. MAKE SURE THAT AT LEAST ONE OF YOUR COMMUNICATIONS TOOLS HAS A BATTERY BACKUP.

5...ENSURE THAT EVERYONE IS FAMILIAR WITH THEIR ROLES IN THE PLAN. DESIGNATE INDIVIDUALS WITH TASKS SUCH AS MONITORING THE WEATHER...ACTIVATING THE PLAN...AND DIRECTING PEOPLE TO SAFE AREAS. DESIGNATE BACKUP INDIVIDUALS FOR THE KEY TASKS AND ALLOW THEM TO PRACTICE THEIR BACKUP ROLES DURING DRILLS.

6...WHEN THE THREAT MATERIALIZES...ENACT YOUR PLAN QUICKLY. IF STORMS ARE FAST-MOVING OR FAST-DEVELOPING...YOU MAY HAVE ONLY A FEW MINUTES BEFORE THE STORM HITS. PLAY IT SAFE...USE THAT TIME TO GET YOUR FAMILY AND COWORKERS INTO YOUR SHELTER AREAS.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON DEVELOPING YOUR SEVERE WEATHER

PLAN...CONTACT YOUR LOCAL NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE OFFICE.

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